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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Senator Ernest Crouch.

WHEREAS, Senator Ernest Crouch of McMinnville, one of the most respected and diligent stewards of the public trust that this body has ever known, has passed from this life to a far better existence; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should honor the memory of those former colleagues who during their tenure in the General Assembly performed their elected duties with deft skill and remarkable dexterity and who set a sterling example for other senators and representatives to follow; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his thirty years as a member of the General Assembly, serving six years in the House of Representatives and twenty-four years in the Senate, Senator

Ernest Crouch was a staple figure around Capitol Hill and was prominent among his colleagues and members of the Fourth Estate alike as a highly capable and conscientious legislator; and

WHEREAS, always an astute and eager participant in the legislative process, Senator Crouch served in several essential leadership positions in the Senate, including Majority Leader, and Chairman of the Finance, Ways and Means, and State and Local Government committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Crouch truly demonstrated his dedication to an efficient legislative process and the welfare of legislative employees through his exemplary service on the Legislative Management, Joint Legislative Services and Pensions and Retirement committees; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving the Senate, Ernest Crouch was serving quite adroitly as Majority Caucus Chairman, a post he had held since 1977, and as a member of the Finance, Ways and Means, General Welfare and Government Operations committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Crouch was the driving force behind a great deal of important and essential legislation during his tenure in the General Assembly, legislation that was often preparatory to Tennessee's entry into a "brave new world"; and

WHEREAS, during his second term in the House of Representatives, Ernest Crouch sponsored the Medical Examiner's Bill which required all county coroners to be physicians and all autopsies to be performed by a board-certified pathologist. This legislation later became a model bill in most states; and

WHEREAS, he also co-chaired, with the late Representative James A. Cummings, the committee which studied the feasibility of establishing junior colleges in Tennessee. At the time, there was much opposition to the state moving into this area of education; however, the General Assembly, on the strength of this select committee's well-conceived recommendation, established a junior college program in Tennessee and also provided the necessary funding; and

WHEREAS, Senator Crouch also handled a great deal of health care legislation during the course of his outstanding career; he was the prime sponsor and co-sponsor of legislation that rewrote the Medical Practice Act and of legislation that redefined and brought into sharper focus the provisos of the Dental, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Nursing, Optometric and Veterinary Practice Acts; and

WHEREAS, that the welfare, both educational and physical, of Tennesseans was Senator Crouch's first concern is evidenced by his co-sponsorship of legislation that established and funded the medical school at East Tennessee State University and an area vocational school program; and

WHEREAS, Senator Crouch was also a fervent supporter of state parks and he worked assiduously to establish many of these natural monuments within the Department of Conservation; and

WHEREAS, a pharmacist by profession, Senator Crouch attended Martin College and the University of Tennessee and was a graduate of Atlanta's Crowe School of Pharmacy where he received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of consummate professionalism, Senator Crouch served his profession quite adeptly through his former presidency of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy; his past presidency of the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association; his membership on the Dean's Advisory Committee of the Mercer University School of Pharmacy; and his service on the Alumni Committee of the UT College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his practiced excellence as an apothecary, Ernest Crouch was named Pharmacist of the Year by the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association; and

WHEREAS, he was also the proud recipient of a University of Tennessee Distinguished Service Award which was conferred upon him in appreciation of his excellent service to that venerable institution; and

WHEREAS, this concerned citizen and astute former legislator has combined his faithful service to his constituents and dedication to professional excellence with leadership and membership in numerous community, educational and charitable organizations including service as: Chairman Emeritus of the UT Space Institute Support Council; a member of Cheer Mental Health Association; a member of the Motlow State Community College Council; a trustee of the McKendree Village Retirement and Health Care Facility; a member of Gideons International; and past president of the McMinnville Exchange Club; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernest Crouch's many stalwart efforts in service of this great state stand unparalleled in excellence and longevity in the annals of Tennessee legislative history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Senator Ernest Crouch, reflecting fondly upon his legacy of effective public service and his unswerving commitment to the best interests of the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our condolences to Senator Crouch's family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Senator Crouch's family with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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